

Special Park Uses

A special park use is a short-term activity that takes place in a park area and:

- Provides a benefit to an individual, group or organization, rather than the public at large;
- Requires written authorization and some degree of management control from the NPS in order to protect park resources and the public interest;
- Is not prohibited by law or regulation; and
- Is not initiated, sponsored, or conducted by the NPS.

Common visitor activities, such as touring, personal picture taking, home videos and walking the trails and grounds are considered a normal use and do not require a permit. Some activities are not appropriate uses for the site, whether by law, regulation or policy.

APPLICATION

The application charge for special park uses is \$50.00. Additionally, other cost recovery charges may apply for monitoring, clean-up or damages incurred. Proof of liability insurance is usually required, and a performance bond may apply if the use has the potential to incur large charges. All permits must be signed and all permit conditions agreed to by both the applicant and the superintendent before a permit is valid and use of the site is authorized.

If you would like to use one of the historic sites, and are not sure if your use is appropriate or if it requires a permit, please refer to the other special park pages on this site or call the special park use coordinator at 1-845-229-9380.

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